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To improve the Operating Fund for public housing of the Department of
Housing and Urban Development, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SIRES (for himself, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, and Mr. MEEK of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

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Department of Housing and Urban Development, and
for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Asset Management Im-
5 provement Act of 2008”.

6 **SEC. 2. REVISIONS TO ASSET MANAGEMENT RULES AND**
7 **RELATED FEES.**

8 (a) MANAGEMENT AND RELATED FEES.—The Sec-
9 retary of Housing and Urban Development shall not im-

1 pose any restriction or limitation on the amount of man-
 2 agement and related fees with respect to a public housing
 3 project if the fee is determined to be reasonable by the
 4 public housing agency, unless such restriction or limitation
 5 imposed by the Secretary on such fees—

6 (1) is determined pursuant to a negotiated rule-
 7 making which is convened by the Secretary no ear-
 8 lier than April 1, 2009, and in accordance with sub-
 9 chapter III of chapter 5 of title 5, United States
 10 Code, with representatives from interested parties;
 11 and

12 (2) is effective only on or after January 1,
 13 2011.

14 The Secretary may not consider a public housing agency
 15 as failing to comply with the asset management require-
 16 ments of subpart H of part 990 of title 24 of the Code
 17 of Federal Regulations, or any successor or amended regu-
 18 lation containing asset management requirements, or de-
 19 termine that an agency fails to comply with such require-
 20 ments, because of or as a result of the agency determining
 21 its fees in accordance with this subsection.

22 (b) INCREASE OF THRESHOLD FOR EXEMPTION
 23 FROM ASSET MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS.—

24 (1) INCREASE.—Any public housing agency
 25 that owns or operates fewer than 500 public housing

units under title I of the United States Housing Act of 1937 may elect to be exempt from any asset management requirement imposed by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

(2) DETERMINATION OF OPERATING FUND ALLOCATION.—If a public housing agency elects pursuant to paragraph (1) to be exempt from asset management requirements, the agency may, at its option, retain the same number of separate public housing projects, for purposes of determining its operating fund allocation, as the agency had identified and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development had approved before the agency’s election to be so exempt.

SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON RESTRICTION OF FUNGIBILITY OF CAPITAL FUND AMOUNTS.

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall not impose any requirement, regulation, or guideline relating to asset management that restricts or limits in any way the use by public housing agencies of amounts for Capital Fund assistance under section 9(d) of such Act, pursuant to paragraph (1) or (2) of section 9(g) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g(g)), for costs of any central office of a public housing agency.

1 **SEC. 4. TENANT PARTICIPATION.**

2 (a) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Neither the require-
3 ments of this Act, nor any other requirement, regulation,
4 guideline, or other policy or action of the Department of
5 Housing and Urban Development relating to public hous-
6 ing asset management may be construed to repeal or waive
7 any provision of part 964 of title 24 of the Code of Federal
8 Regulations, regarding tenant participation and tenant op-
9 portunities in public housing. The Secretary of Housing
10 and Urban Development shall ensure that public housing
11 agencies encourage the reasonable efforts of resident ten-
12 ant organizations to represent their members or the rea-
13 sonable efforts of tenants to organize.

14 (b) **PHAS IN RECEIVERSHIP.**—In the case of any
15 public housing agency in receivership, the Secretary of
16 Housing and Urban Development or any receiver may not
17 abrogate, waive, repeal, or modify any provision of part
18 964 of title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations or any
19 provision of a formalized housing agreement entered into
20 pursuant to such part 964 (including pursuant to section
21 964.11, 964.14, 964.18(a)(6), or 964.135 of such part)
22 before the commencement of such receivership by a resi-
23 dent or tenant organization and the public housing agen-
24 cy.

25 (c) **GUIDANCE.**—Guidance issued by the Secretary of
26 Housing and Urban Development shall encourage partici-

1 pation by residents in the implementation of asset man-
2 agement and the development of local policies for such
3 purposes.

4 **SEC. 5. INELIGIBILITY OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FOR AS-**
5 **SISTANCE.**

6 Immigrants who are not lawfully present in the
7 United States shall be ineligible for financial assistance
8 under this Act, as provided and defined by section 214
9 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1980
10 (42 U.S.C. 1436a). Nothing in this Act shall be construed
11 to alter the restrictions or definitions in such section 214.

12 **SEC. 6. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.**

13 (a) PROHIBITION OF MANAGEMENT FEES FOR
14 AGREEMENTS PROHIBITING OR REQUIRING REGISTRA-
15 TION OF LEGAL FIREARMS.—The Secretary of Housing
16 and Urban Development shall not accept as reasonable
17 any management or related fees for enforcing any provi-
18 sion of a dwelling lease agreement or other similar agree-
19 ment that requires the registration of or prohibits the pos-
20 session of any firearm that is possessed by an individual
21 for his or her personal protection or for sport the posses-
22 sion of which is not prohibited, or the registration of which
23 is not required, by existing law.

24 (b) TERMINATION OF TENANCY AND ASSISTANCE
25 FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARM IN FEDERALLY

1 ASSISTED HOUSING.—Section 577 of the Quality Housing
2 and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 (42 U.S.C. 13662)
3 is amended—

4 (1) in the section heading—

5 (A) by striking “**AND**” the second place it
6 appears and inserting a comma; and

7 (B) by inserting “, **AND FIREARMS POS-**
8 **SESSORS**” after “**ABUSERS**”; and

9 (2) in subsection (a)—

10 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “or” at
11 the end;

12 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking the pe-
13 riod at the end and inserting “; or”; and

14 (C) by adding at the end the following new
15 paragraph:

16 “(3) who the public housing agency or owner
17 determines is illegally using a firearm, or whose ille-
18 gal use of a firearm is determined by the public
19 housing authority or owner to interfere with the
20 health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the
21 premises by other residents.”.

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